

## Target Group:



## Occupational Profile

# Dietetic Technician

Standard Occupational Code 29-2051.00

## What They Do

Assist in the provision of food service and nutritional programs, under the supervision of a dietitian. May plan and produce meals based on established guidelines, teach principles of food and nutrition, or counsel individuals.

## Is This For You?

**Work Interests** are described in the following categories (compatible with Holland's Model). People who tend to succeed in this career are:

**Social** – involve working with, communicating with, and teaching people.

**Investigative** – involve working with ideas, and require an extensive amount of thinking.

**Realistic** – involve activities that include practical, hands-on problems and solutions.

**Work Values** are aspects of work that are satisfying to you. The following work values are generally associated with this career:

**Relationships** – allow employees to provide service to others and work with co-workers in a friendly non-competitive environment.

**Support** – offer supportive management that stands behind employees.

**Independence** – allow employees to work on their own and make decisions.

**Abilities** reflect a person's aptitude to acquire skills and knowledge. The following abilities are important for success in the career:

- Oral Comprehension
- Deductive Reasoning
- Oral Expression
- Problem Sensitivity
- Information Ordering

## Skills You Need

- Monitoring
- Reading Comprehension
- Speaking
- Active Listening
- Critical Thinking

## Education & Training

Dietetic technicians require **at least an associate's degree in nutrition sciences, food sciences, or a related program.**

## Requirements for the National Career Readiness Certificate (NCRC)

	Median Skill Level
Applied Mathematics	3
Reading for Information	3
Locating Information	3

## Where They Work

Industries which employ the largest number of dietetic technicians are:

- Hospitals
- Public Health Nutrition Programs
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- School Lunch Programs
- Nutrition Programs for the Elderly

## SD Employment & Wages

2014 Workers	4 Workers	Numeric Change	Percent Change	Average Annual Demand for Workers	Median Annual Wage
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## Additional References

Labor Market Information Center

[www.dlr.gov/lmic](http://www.dlr.gov/lmic)

Career OneStop

[www.careeronestop.org](http://www.careeronestop.org)

O\*Net Online

[www.onetcenter.org](http://www.onetcenter.org)

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